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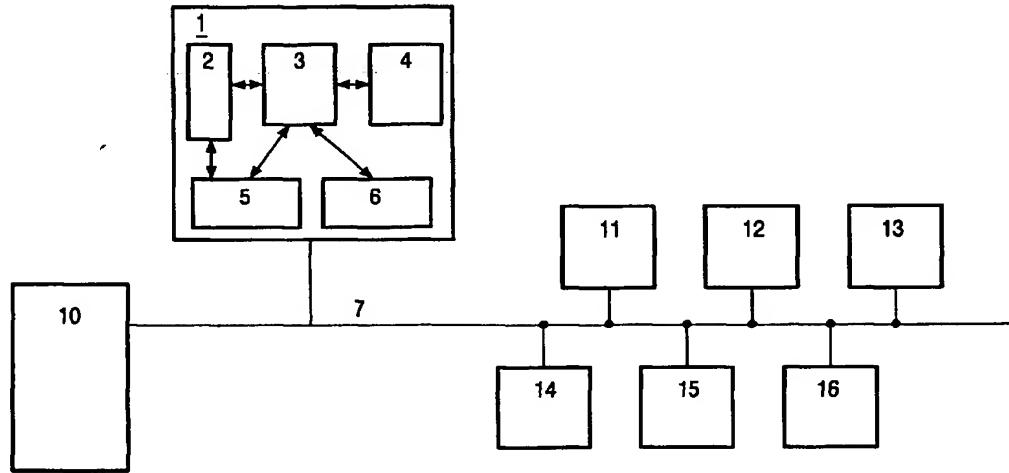
(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method and a server (1) for implementation of central standby functions in an (in-home) network with devices (11 - 16) connected thereto. The standby server (1) contains a central processor (3), a mass memory (4) and interfaces (2, 5, 6) for the network connection. When one of the devices (11 - 16) is shut down, it sends corresponding information and where applicable data to the server (1) whereupon the latter takes over the standby functions for the device. In particular the server (1) can temporarily store data directed to the device as long as this is switched off, or pass on with time delay data to be transmitted by the device. Centralization of the standby functions in a special server reduces the energy consumption and improves the speed of data transmission.